

# **Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet**

Miami Model City
Community
Revitalization District
Trust, FL

### **EPA Brownfields Program**

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, the President signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

#### Community Description

The Miami Model City Community Revitalization District Trust was selected to receive two brownfields cleanup grants. The poverty rate in the city is 42.7 percent, and the unemployment rate is 19.1 percent. Model City (population 23,135), a Brownfields Showcase Community, is located in the northwest sector of the City of Miami (population 362,470). Once a thriving area, Model City went into decline following the 1980 civil disturbances. The median per capita income for Model City is \$6,253, or 25 percent of the Miami median. Almost 97 percent of Model City residents are



## Cleanup Grants



#### \$400,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Miami Model City Community Revitalization District Trust to receive two brownfields cleanup grants. Grant funds will be used to conduct cleanup activities at the former Gipson's Service Station at 1501 NW 62nd Street and at the former JG Shamrock/Supreme Service Station at 6200 NW 17th Avenue. Soil contamination at the Gipson site is widespread, and includes petroleum hydrocarbon constituents. Both soil and groundwater at the Shamrock site have widespread petroleum hydrocarbon contamination.

#### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields

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http://www.epa.gov/region4/waste/bf/index.htm

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, the activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

African-American. Both targeted properties are along the proposed commercial/retail boundary of the Model City Community Revitalization District Trust. Once cleaned up, the proposed redevelopment of the Gipson property involves consolidating the site with adjoining properties to create a micro-business incubator that will address the area's need for office space. The proposed reuse of the Shamrock property is as a short-term transitional housing facility that would include a state-of-the-art HIV/AIDS clinic.